

REMARKS

By this Amendment the specification has been amended to better conform with U.S. practice and claims 1-10 have been replaced by new claims 11-15 which better define the invention in a way which overcomes the examiner's formality rejections. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redman in view of Karlin, he has rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redman in view of Karlin and Lowry et al., and he has rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redman in view of Karlin and Cheng.

These rejections cannot be applied to new claims 11-15.

Redman discloses an offset door pivot which includes a housing 12 having a vertical spindle 16, and a bracket 14 which includes a second leg portion 24 providing a vertical bore 18 therein, spindle 16 fitting within the bore 18.

Karlin discloses a hinge provided by two identical hinge plates having a long longitudinal side edges thereof, four aligned barrels, two of which provide coaxial bores and the other two having reduced diameter flexible cylindrical pins projecting therefrom. The pins of each hinge plate extend into the barrel bores of the other plate. The barrel bores can have different diameter sections to cooperate with projections having different diameter sections.

However, there is no "teaching" in Karlin that would suggest modifying the bore 18 in Redman to have different diameter portions, or which would suggest providing a shoulder in the spindle 16. And, nothing would suggest the first and second locking parts defined in applicants' new claim 11.

Lowry et al. disclose a lockable hinge assembly. However, it is not at all similar to the locking assembly defined in new claim 11.

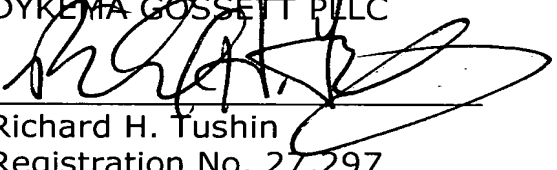
Cheng discloses a self-closing safety gate hinge. Nothing in Cheng would be combinable with Redman to suggest new claim 11.

The examiner's prior art rejections should be withdrawn and claims 11-15 allowed.

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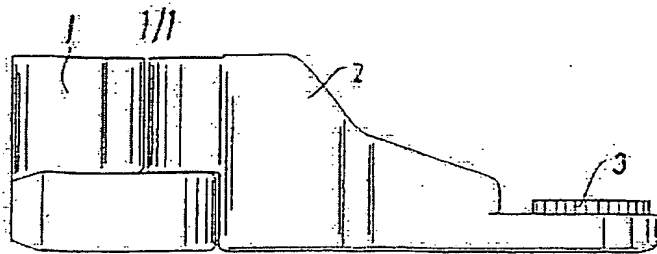


FIG. 1

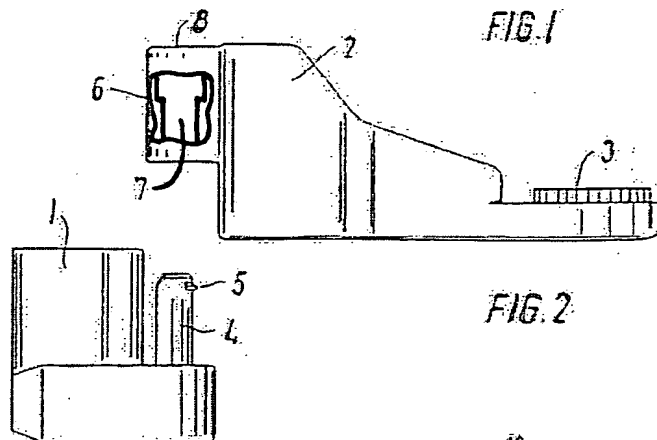


FIG. 2

FIG. 3

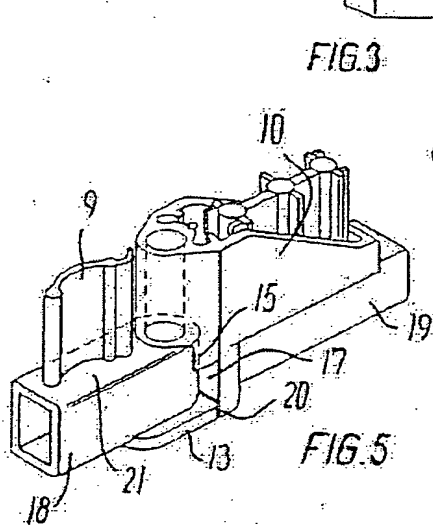


FIG. 4

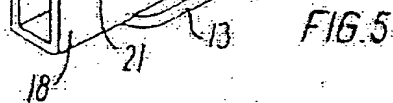


FIG. 5

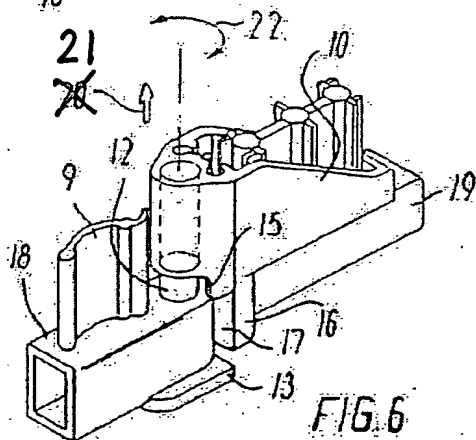


FIG. 6